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SENATORS DASCHLE, KENNEDY AND OTHERS TO HOST CIVIL RIGHTS FORUM ON EVE OF MLK HOLIDAY

Senate and House Democrats, National Civil Rights, Education, Labor and Religious Leaders to Develop Agenda for 21st Century America

Senator Daschle, Senator Kennedy, and other House and Senate Democratic Leaders will host a forum on Civil Rights in a 21st Century America on January 17th, the eve of Martin Luther King Day. The forum will include leaders and experts in education, law, civil rights, and business and the disability and religious communities. The forum will provide a snapshot of the nation's progress in civil rights and help develop an aggressive agenda to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans in the 21st century.

The tentative schedule follows:

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Morning Keynote Address 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Panel I: The Role of Education in Promoting

Opportunity and Equality

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Panel II: Lessons Learned: Developing a Civil

Rights Agenda for a 21st Century America

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Keynote Address: The Role of Federal

Courts in Protecting Civil Rights

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wrap Up and Closing Keynote Address

The forum will be held all day in room 902 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

WHO: Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle

Senator Edward M. Kennedy Senate and House Democrats

National and local leaders and experts in education, law, civil rights, business and the disability and religious communities

WHAT: Forum on Civil Rights in a 21st Century America

WHEN: Friday, January 17, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Room 902 of the Hart Senate Office Building

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